



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
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**Wednesday, October 30, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-5161)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Present:            Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,  
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Anne S. Hill,  
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Susan Burton  
and Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A., M.S.

Excused:           Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Jenny Kimbell    (13-5176)

Call to Order. (13-5039)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioners Hill and Burton joined at 10:13 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. respectively.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the October 23, 2013 Minutes. (13-5044)

**On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald Andrews and unanimously carried, the minutes of October 23, 2013 were approved.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for October 30, 2013. (13-5046)

**Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- **Gaming the Early Release System (October 27, 2013)**
- **After the Urge to Adopt (October 24, 2013)**
- **Sheriff Under Scrutiny Again (October 24, 2013)**
- **Another Misstep on the Jails (October 24, 2013)**
- **County Won't Export Inmates After All (October 30, 2013)**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DCOUMENT](#)

3.     Treasurer's Report for October 30, 2013. (13-5048)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$715.96.**

4.     Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for October 30, 2013. (13-5049)

**There was no report.**

5.     Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on October 30, 2013. (13-5050)

**In Compliance:**

- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Boy's Republic, Page 3, #2, on October 29, 2013.**
6.     Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from October 24, 2013, 2013 to October 29, 2013. (13-5052)

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited South Bay Bright Future #3, Page 37, #3, on October 28, 2013.**
- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited South Bay Bright Future #1, Page 37, #2, on October 29, 2013.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Hillsides Home for Children, Page 21, #3, on October 25, 2013.**

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- Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Boy's Republic, Page 3, #2, on October 29, 2013.
  - Commissioner Russell visited the West Hollywood Sheriff Station on October 29, 2013.

During the reporting period, the following Group Home was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

- Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Children Are Our Future, Page 5, #3, on October 29, 2013 and reported the following unsatisfactory conditions:
  - Kitchen drawers need repair
  - Kitchen shelves need new paper
  - Oven needs cleaning
  - Kitchen chairs need new cushions
  - Kitchen wood needs sanding and refinishing
  - Bedrooms need new mattresses
  - Family room needs new carpet
  - Hall bathroom needs new faucet for hot and cold water
  - Bedrooms and Kitchen need new window screens
  - Bathroom in the bedroom needs new shower floor and door
  - First aid kit needs updating
  - Smoke detectors need batteries
  - Kitchen needs more plates and cups

The Commissioners will conduct a follow-up visit in 30 days.

### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

7. Discussion on Psychotropic Medication Use Among Children in Foster Care: A National and State-Level Perspective. (13-5053)

**Commissioner Russell distributed to the Commissioners two handouts: one entitled "Psychotropic Medication Used among Children"; and the other a partial list of some psychotropic medications and recommended doses. She pointed out that since the Commissioners already verify during their inspections that medications are double locked, they should also be aware of things that may look obsessive (i.e. all residents' ages 6-12 being administered the same medications and doses). She also advised the Commissioners that the listed psychotropic medications are not tested long term on children.**

**After a brief discussion, the Commission decided to continue the item to the November 13, 2013 meeting.**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Matters Not Posted**

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-5055)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

**Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-5056)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of October 30, 2013. (13-5057)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of October 30, 2013 at 11:20 a.m.**